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NOTES AND NEWS

The Forty-sixth Convention of the National Education Association will take place in Cleveland, Ohio, June 29 to July 3. The general sessions will be held in the auditorium of the new Hippodrome. The opening address, "Report of Educational Progress for the Year," will be given June 29 by Charles F. Thwing, President of the Western Reserve University.

During the convention of the National Education Association the local library will make an exhibition of its various methods of distribution, its bulletins and printed matter, and will also publish a pamphlet describing in some detail the work for the children. The Library Department of the N. E. A. will hold its sessions in Woodland Branch Library. All resources of the libraries, and they are many and valuable, are at the service of the schools, in fact for them programmes are arranged, bulletins issued, lectures given, researches made and needs anticipated.

Frederic C. Howe, well-known writer on civic and social problems, author of *The City* and *The American City*, has recently stated that Cleveland has become much such a laboratory to those interested in social problems as the city of Glasgow is to those who want to study municipal ownership.

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The special social problem Cleveland is solving through Dr. Harris R. Cooley, director of charities and corrections, is the city's attitude toward its dependent classes. The laboratory where this great experiment is being tried out is known as the Cleveland Farm Colony. It is a nineteen-hundred acre farm, which lies back ten miles from the lake, overlooking the city and commanding a view of Lake Erie.

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The farm, which will be worked by the prisoners, will supply all the city institutions with milk and fresh vegetables. All this is in its practical working out, for the experiment has passed far beyond its early stages, may be seen by those visitors to the National Education Association Convention, in Cleveland, June 29 to July 3, who are interested in sociological questions.

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six high schools, twelve manual-training and one normal-training school, one school for boys, and one for the deaf. In the autumn the new Technical High School will open its doors.

The aesthetic side of the child is being reached by the co-operation of the Home Gardening Association, which has established school gardening as a feature of the year's work. The school buildings now stand surrounded by lawns and gardens instead of gaunt and forbidding in a waste of hard-packed earth.

This will be the second year of a training garden in which seventy-five boys, chosen for adaptability to this work, will each have a small plot of ground to cultivate, thereby fostering tastes, which, it is hoped, will develop into a study of horticulture, agriculture, or forestry. Experiment has found that gardening has been of distinct assistance to backward, defective or partially crippled children, who, mentally and physically, have improved under its sound and healthful discipline.

An exhibition of photographs and literature pertaining to the work of this association will be held at Goodrich House (Social Settlement) during the days of the convention, where members of the society will be in charge and direct visitors to the various most interesting gardens of the children. A place on the educational programme in the Department of Rural and Agricultural Education has been granted to the discussion of school gardens.

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